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FOLLOW-UP TO AUGUST 6 MEETING

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1. DEPARTMENT COMMENDS AMBASSADOR'S SKILLFUL HANDLING OF
SEVERAL SENSITIVE ISSUES DISCUSSED IN WHAT APPEARS TO HAVE
BEEN A MOST CORDIAL AND SUCCESSFUL MEETING WITH PRINCE
SULTAN AND PRINCE SAUD AUGUST 6 ON SUPPORT FOR NORTH
YEMEN. WE ARE ALSO GRATIFIED THAT GENERAL CATHEY WILL BE
GOING TO SANA WITH GENERAL KABBANI TO BRIEF THE YARG.

2. GIVEN THE NUMBER OF DISCUSSIONS WITH SAG ON A VARIETY OF ISSUES INVOLVED WE NEED FOR THE RECORD TO CLARIFY TWO POINTS:

A- PARA 2 REF A ALLUDES TO NEED FOR DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN US PERSONNEL AND YEMENI ARMED FORCES, BUT WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL DETAIL EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE ON SAUDI REACTION TO EXPLICIT POINTS LAID OUT AT END OF PARA 2 REF B.

B- WHAT IS "PROGRAM DEVELOPED AT A PREVIOUS JOINT MEETING" WHICH REF A STATES IN SUMMARY SECTION WAS APPROVED AT AUGUST 6 MEETING? IS THIS SUBSTANTIVELY THE SAME AS "REPORT" REFERRED TO IN PARA 7, WHICH WE READ TO MEAN TO HUMAID REPORT? IS THIS THE BASIC ACCELERATED DELIVERY PROPOSAL AS EXPANDED BY DOD IN REF C? CHRISTOPHER

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